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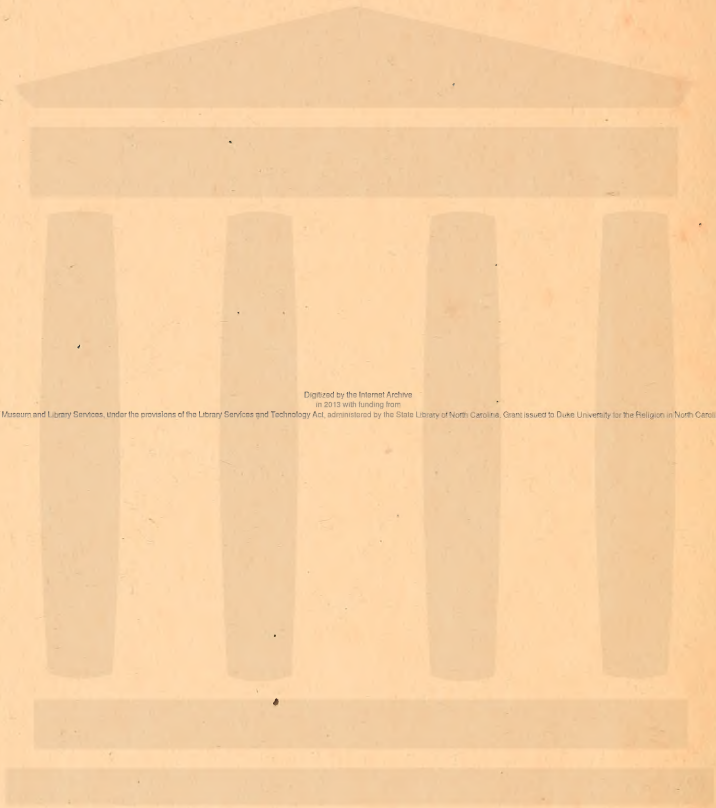

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Elizabeth M—J Q Robinson. Monroe, 223 St.,church Av.
Elizabeth P D—Mrs E A Pratt, Pee Dee N C
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Fletcher's Grove—G B Baldin, McColl S C ' 1
Flint Ridge—O L Tanner, Marshville ' ' 96 ' 3
Friendship—W M Courthern, Monroe '
Gallilee—J V Kendall, Albemarle ' ' 276 ' 6
Long Pine—S A Covington, Ruby, S C ' 68 ' 1
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Meltonsville—E S Chambers, Marshville ' ' 84 ' 3
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Mt Moriah—Floy Baker, Marshville ' ' 3
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New Grove—Pleas Sturdivant, Peachland ' ' 5 ' 1
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CHURCHES AND DELEGATES

Bethel--By letter
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Chambers--Thomas Chambers
Chilson Grove--Henry Diggs
Cool Spring--E D Richardson, Masey Smith
Deep Creek--M P Bennett, J S Sinclair, W F Ratliff
Ebenezer--G W Crowder, Louis Richardson
Elizabeth M--W M Nivens, C C Gatewood, J Q Robinson
Elizabeth P D--H C Robinson, Rev J W Diggs
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Fletcher's Grove--G B Baldin, W M Wade
Flint Ridge--J A Autry, A W Faulkner
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Ramah Grove--A C Chavis, F C Chavis, W C Melton
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Rockford W--W M Dean, Charley Gatewood, E M Tillman
Sandy Ridge--D L McCoy, M P Warring, L E Rivers
Saron--M C McDaniels
Shankle Grove--A D Davis, T C Dunlap
St Paul--Frank Hailey
Timmonsville--J H Ratliff, R E Harrell
White Oak--L H Diggs, A L Diggs
Green Hill--J M Myers, M P Phillips
Flint Ridge--Nathan Moore, T C Clarriburn

PROCEEDINGS

Deep Creek Baptist Church, Motor Route A,
Wadesboro, N. C., Oct. 17, 1923

Pursuant to adjournment of the previous session, held with the Parsons Grove church, Lilesville, N. C., the Zion Missionary Baptist Association met in its fifty-first annual session in the above named church. Rev J E P Little, presiding. Sharply at 11:30 a. m. the Association was called to order. Rev J C Covington, accompanied with Bro W A Kersey and Rev. C B Bethea, took seats in the stand to deliver the opening sermon.

Bro Kersey lined hymn No. 550, C. M. Rev Bethea read Scripture lesson from Paul's first letter to Timothy 6th chad. Prayer by Bro W A Kersey. Second hymn No. 531 C. M. "In all my Lord's appointed way," etc.

The Moderator introduced the speaker, and solicited the prayers of christians in behalf of the speaker. Rev Covington arose and announced as a text 1st Timothy 6:12. "Fight the good fight of faith, lay hold on eternal life." Subject: "A good warrior."

The speaker said in part, "that the words grew out of the condition that surrounded the city of Ephesus. It was a city of great worldy possessions; the inhabitants boasted in popularity; they carried these things into their religious circles. Paul knew that the religion of Jesus Christ was in opposition to these conditions, therefore he admonished his son in the ministry, to fight; resist them to the end." He also pointed out many evils which the christian will have to fight today, such as the evils of prosperity, the evils of popularity, etc. This was a very helpful sermon, and was delivered with much power and spirit. "Did Christ over sinners weep," etc., was sung. Rev J W Diggs offered prayer. Mr D L McCoy was called on, and he came forward and lifted a collection, amounting to $21.00. Benediction by Rev J C Covington.

AFTERNOON SESSION

The Association re-assembled at two o'clock. Praise services conducted by the Vice-Moderator, Rev J C Ellerbee, as follows: Hymn No. 299 C. M. "Come holy spirit heavenly dove," etc. Prayer by Rev S M Bivens. "Awake and sing the song," etc., was sung. The Moderator announced the house open and in order for business. Roll of churches called, and names of delegates enrolled. The various committees announced. The hour having arrived for the Moderator's address, Rev Little came forward and delivered one of the most logical, far-reaching and comprehensive addresses that it has been our pleasure to listen to. The address follows :

ANNUAL ADDRESS OF REV. J. E. P. LITTLE, MODERATOR.

Brethren of the Zion Association : It is an honor to greet you in this 51st annual session of this body. We are closing another year's work for our King. Your presence here today shows that you have not turned aside either at Dan or at Bethel to pay homage to false ideals and selfish leadership, but have followed that spiritual christian fellowship which prompts us not to forsake the assembling together as the manner of some is. It is a privilege for us to be together and inquire of one another, "what hath God wrought?" Dear brethren it is with profound gratitude to God that we have the opportunity of assembling ourselves in this another annual session of this great Association with the pastor, Rev H I Quick, a beloved man, and the Deep Creek church, with her large number of members. We trust that each one of us has some here with our minds made up to enter into a new and larger program fully, that we might do more efficient work for our Lord and master. But I feel immensely proud to meet this delegation of ministers and brethren who I really believe represent God's great cause. It is true that we are witnessing a great movement among our people. So this movement may be for good. It may be a point toward unification of our people in this National movement; it may not be a human movement, an uplift into higher aims and a more complete brotherhood. We think the central point of unification is nearer; many things, such as narrow minds, selfishness, cranks, sanctification, begrudgefullness, &c., are giving way to better things. We are praying muchly for unification of the brethren in church work and universal peace of mankind.

Brethren, I would say that as ministers we should preach the gospel to the best of our ability; teach the people to observe all things; teach them to serve God; it is required to render unto him the service of our minds, soul and strength; a man should be taught how to make an honest living as much so as anything else, for serving God is serving our fellowman, and we cannot serve our fellowman without having something to serve him with, either mind or strength or something derived from our own exertion being lead by Holy Spirit I am to say that my brother ministers are waking up along these lines, they are preaching for more doing power than for so much shouting power.

We think the ministers would carry the people better if we learned the habits and traits of the common people, show them out, talk to them about their every day life, appoint a time, and lecture to them, for this is the only way the elderly people can get instruction in business matters, is mostly from the ministers.

Since we met at Parsons Grove we have witnessed many wonders and scenes. One of the world's wonders was the great earthquake in Japan, when hundreds of thousands of souls were hurled into eternity without a moment's warning; hundreds were drowned and hundreds were burned to death, This was not in our immediate country, but we should have the thousands who are still living at heart; a great many of them were left without shelter or food.

Brethren, this year has been in many respects, a very strenous one. Depression in business and shortage in crops, caused by the great pest. known as the bollwevil. Yet let it be far from us, the idea of complaint, God has blessed our staple of what has been left with a very fair price. Enough for our support and for us to give to the cause of Christ.

Brethren, I count myself happy to be living in this period of the world's history. As I read history and compare notes, there has never been a time when the best could not be brought out in an individual more than now, or on the other hand, there has never been an age when evil tendencies could be so easily developed. Nor only am I glad I am living, but that I am identified with the christian church, the Baptist church, the church that I believe Christ was talking about, when he spoke those blessed words to Peter; when he said "Upon this rock I will build my church, and the gates of hell shall not prevail against it. We feel proud of the denomination.

I am sure that you realize as I do the vastly changing condition of the American lives, and the world's development. We, the church, must endeavor to keep pace with the rapidly shifting sciences, the steady procession of streaming humanity. We are living in a world of new ideas and thought. We leaped in a day so to speak from the day of travel on horseback or buggy to that of automobile or airplane. The church of the living God must not be contented with the oxcart or bug-

gy conveyances, while the world has gone on in automobiles and airplanes. I know there are large numbers who will say that the religion of our Saviour will have its effect, and as such we need not compete with the world's advancement. Yes, it will have its effect when it gets there, but it will be so long reaching its destination. Africa will be saved when we get sufficient missionaries and preachers there, but how many will have gone before the bar of God without the knowledge of our blessed Saviour? Please do not mistake me when I say keep pace with the world's development and changes. I do not mean the bringing of the evils of the world into the christian church. Let that be far from you. I do mean this: for an example across the street, there is a moving picture concern that is putting all the pepper and ginger that can be mustered, and the very best thought and brain to present its work, but here on this side of the street is the church, no fixed program; the pastor sleeping until 9 and 10 o'clock in the morning Brethren, let's awake, and as the world advances, let us advance with the banner of Christ in our hands.

MISSIONS.—The greatest claim upon this Association is the work of missions. Under the great captain our marching orders are "Go ye therefore and make disciples of all nations, baptizing them in the name of the Father and of the Son and of the HolyGhost. Teaching them to observe all things whatsoever I have cammanded you, and I am with you always, even unto the end of the world."

We have women and men, boys and girls who would go and help carry the good news if we would only them.

This means more strenous efforts on our part as leaders. The united strength of the whole denomination and larger sacrifices to keep the work alive, both at home and abroad. Our foreign work will not sugar if the home churches are aroused to their full duty, and every member is made to feel that he or she has a part in God's program of missions. The Christian people of today are thinking more seriously on the great problem of soul winning and how to formulate plans to reach the unreached, and to keep alive the spirit of Christian giving and self-denial than at any other period of Christiandom. Great achievements in any phase of work can only only be accomplished by those who have visions, who knows no defeat, and are willing to sacrifice all to win in the great struggle before them. We should see no defeat in striving to place Jesus Christ, the Saviour of the world, before all men, for we have God as our Father, Jesus as our fortress and shield, and the Holy Spirit as our comforter, and we should be fully satisfied, because faith and prayer lead to the throne of all power, In our desire to save the world for Christ we must have a large vision, a vision compatable with the program of Christ. "Go ye into all the world and make disciples of all the nations." We must work and sacrifice together that Christ may be Lord and master of all. We must clean out vice and crime of whatever kind, and in their stead establish those high ideals taught by Christ in the sermon which make for peace, good will and universal brotherhood. For we should make life worthwhile in this beautiful world which God has given us.

EDUCATION.—Christian Education should have a large place in this Association. That means that Shaw University should have our hearty support. What we are today as a denomination is due largely to the untiring efforts of Dr. Charles Francis Meserve. The majority of the men of North Carolina who are making good in the ministry were trained at Shaw University directly or indirectly. We should never forget the rock from which we were hewn, nor the pit from which we were dug. The future will demand more efficient men than the present. We cannot afford to relax our efforts for Christian Education

RECOMMENDATIONS.—We recommend that our young ministers will do everything they can to improve themselves.

2th. That we give our alliance in fostering missions both home and foreign, seventy-five cents out of every dollar raised for foreign missions goes to the foreign fields.

3rd. That we do something for suffering Japan.

4th. That we look after our weak churches.

5th. That we represent in all our annual State meetings and help our State brethren in the State movements.

SUMMARY.—I recommend that we give S. & F. missions $150. To the Orphanage $100, and Shaw University $100.

Respectfully submitted,

REV. J. E. P. LITTLE, Moderator

"What a friend we have in Jesus," etc., was sung. On motion the address be received and referred to a committee on moderator's address, viz: Revs J F Davis, P T Dixon and Bro S M Hubbard.

Corresponding Secretary, Bro G W Baucum, made his annual report. See report elsewhere.

An invitation was extended to visitors, to which Revs P T Dixon, J J Wilson, S M Bivens, Prof Peterson from Rocky Mt., Mrs Susie J Wilson, County Supervisor of Schools, and Mrs C B Fulton, County Demonstrator, came forward and was recognized. All made remarks.

The session closed with benediction by Rev J F Davis.

NIGHT SESSION

The Association re-assembled. The congregation engaged in spiritual song services and prayer. After which "Oh for a heart to praise my God," was sung by the choir. Prayer by Rev J C Ellerbee. Second selection No. 375, "Oh for a closer walk with God," etc.

The Moderator introduced Rev E H Martin to preach a sermon; who, afterwards, arose and announced as a text Paul's 1st letter to the Corinthians 13:13, "Now abideth faith, hope and charity; the greatest of these is charity." Subject: The importance of faith in man." Rev Martin had worked his sermon to a high pitch, when he sat down amidst many amens. One verse of C. M. hymn was sung. Prayer was offered by Rev J F Davis. Collection $13.01.

The following program was rendered by the local committee: Rev J T Ratliff, master of ceremony.

"Saviour more than life to me," was sung.

Welcome addresses were as follows: On behalf of the church, by deacon P W Baucum; on part of the S. S. by Misses Annie B Huntley, R Birda Dargan; on part of the ministry by Rev H I Quick, the pastor; on part of the W. H. S. by Mrs Lula J Huntley; on part of the fraternal organizations by Rev J T Ratliff. All of these addresses were timely, and showed that pains had been taken for preparation, and were delivered with credit to both the speakers and the occasion. We make special mention of the splendid paper read by Miss Birda Dargan. Miss Ruth Dargan rendered a solo. A trio was rendered by Miss Lilly Baucum, etc. Rev C B Bethea made the response on behalf of the field.

Doxology. Benediction by Rev P T Dixon.

SECOND DAY—MORNING SESSION

At 9:40 a. m. The Association was called together by the Moderator, who conducted the devotional services as follows: Singing "Stand up, stand up for Jesus," etc. Prayer by Bro S H Parsons. Hymn No. 399 S. M. "Jesus

who knows full well," etc. Prayer by Rev C Laney.

After singing another selection, the Moderator annonced the house open and in order for business. On motion the proceedings of yesterday and last night were called for, read and approved.

An invitation was extended to visits, to which Dr A W Pegues of Raleigh, N. C., representing the State Convention, Dr W H Knuckles representing Lumberton Collegiate Institute, Lumberton, N. C., and Rev J W Dowdle of Monroe, N. C., all came forward and were made welcome. They all made remarks.

A letter from Bro H H Henry, Raleigh, N. C., one of the young ministers of Zion Association, was read, received and ordered spread on the minutes. See Appendix for the letter.

The hour having arrived for the doctrinal sermon, Rev J F Davis filled the stand to officiate. He was accompanied by Rev B F McManus, pastor of Sandy Ridge church. Rev McManus lined hymn No. 703 C. M. "Am I a soldier of the cross," etc. While singing this hymn the Holy Spirit was very manifest in our souls. Rev Davis read the Scripture frow Paul's 2nd letter to Timothy 4:1-8. Prayer by Bro Frank Hailey. 2nd hymn No. 800 L. M. "Go preach my Gospel saith the Lord." Rev Davis announced as a text for this occasion St. Matthew 28:18-20. "All power is given unto me, go ye therefore into all the world," etc. Some of the thoughts emphasized in the sermon were: The preacher's business in the world is to make disciples; make men believe the Gospel. After they believe, then baptize them; after baptizing them, teach them to observe what Christ has commanded." This was a strong sermon full of thought, and was delivered with power of the Holy Spirit. Prayer by Rev B F McManus. Collection for missions $102.07. The Association adjourned with benediction by Rev W H Knuckles.

AFTERNOON SESSION

The Association re-assembled, the Moderator presiding, and conducting the praise services, as follows:

Singing. Prayer by Rev W A Currins. Singing. Prayer by Rev J S Fletcher. The house was announced open and ready for business.

Dr. A. W. Pegues made a strong speech in behalf of Shaw University, its objects and its needs. He said in part: "The object of Shaw was to mould and shape character, and train ministers." This part of the State work is very dear to Dr Pegues, and he made a strong appeal to the Association to stand by the State brethren in helping put over the five thousand dollar program for the institution. A collection was raised for Shaw, amount $31.00. Mrs Annie C Robinson, President of the Women's Convention, was presented. She told of objects and purposes of this auxiliary, and solicited the co-operation of the pastors and brethren. She also stated that she was proud of the spirit of understanding and unity between the brethren and the Women's Convention. She let a donation of $15.00. On motion we accept the donation, and endorse the work of the Woman's Convention.

Rev Dr Knuckles spoke to us about the Lumberton school, and told of reasons why we should patronize it.

The committees on ministerial education, missions, state and condition of the country, on place and on periodicals made their reports. See Appendix for reports. The Association adjourned with benediction by Rev J S Fletcher.

NIGHT SESSION

The Association re-assembled. Praise services conducted by Revs J C Ellerbee, S N Davidson and Bro J V Horne. After the close of this praise service, Rev Fletcher lined hymn No. 288 L. M. Prayer was offered by Rev J W Diggs. 2nd hymn No. 490 C. M.

The Moderator introduced Rev Dr P M Mayfield to preach for us tonight. Dr Mayfield came forward and delivered a very great sermon on the death of Christ. Text 1st Corinthians 15:3. "Christ died for our sins according to the Scripture." While this man of God spoke to us of His work, we were convinced beyond a reasonable doubt that Christ died, and that for our sins. Collection for aged ministers, amount $19.12.

The committee on obituary reported. See elsewhere for report. On motion the report was received & adopted. On motion of Rev C B Bethea that only minister's name that appear in the committees on obituary be appended to the minutes. Amended by Bro J P Baucum, that every named be appended. A substitute motion by Rev S N Davidson. Since the committee did not get the names of all members that died, that a blank page be left in the minutes, with the words only "In memory of dead," The substitute motion prevailed.

Rev B B Sturdivant spoke words of condolence for all of the dead. Rev Dr Mayfield led in singing "what are they doing in heaven today?" etc. "Shall we meet beyond the river," was sung. Our minds were carried back when we had such happy association with these sainted dead; and the thought that their labors on earth are now done, and they are resting around God's eternal throne, made us rejoice. This was indeed a great meeting. Prayer by Rev B F McManus.

Prof R F Lee, representative of Friendship College, Rock Hill, S. C., was introduced. Prof Lee made appeal for support of the institution financially, and by students. Benediction by Rev J F Davis.

THIRD DAY--MORNING SESSION

The Association was called together by Rev Davis conducting the praise service. Hymn No. 492 C. M. was sung. Prayer was offered by Rev B B Sturdivant. The Moderator made timely remarks and announced the house open and ready for business.

On motion the minutes of yesterday and last night were read and adopted.

Rev B B Sturdivant, Treasurer of Zion Association made his annual report. The report was fine and very satisfactory. On motion the report was received and adopted.

On motion the next Union meeting will be held with the Nicy Grove church, Wingate, N. C., commencing on Friday before the 5th Sunday in December, 1923. Rev R S Tanner to preach the opening sermon; brother C H Waddell, alternate.

Committee on officers reported. The report was adopted. See the roll of officers.

An invitation was extended to visitors, to which Rev H Perry of Monroe, N. C., and Prof. J. J. Weaver of Raleigh, N. C., came forward and were recognized. They both made remarks. Rev Perry, representing the Gulledge School in Union County, and Mr. Weaver a concern of Raleigh, N. C.

The committees on new bodies, on moderator's address, on the needs of the field, and the ordaining board, made their report. All reports adopted.

The hour having arrived for preaching, Rev C C Staton, pastor of Elizabeth church, Monroe, filled the stand to deliver the closing sermon. First hymn No. 375 C. M. "Oh for a closer walk with God," etc. We were led to a throne of heavenly grace in a fervent prayer by Rev W A Currins. 2nd hymn No. 357, "Fade, fade earthly joy," etc. The Moderator in a few well-fitting words, introduced Rev. Staton as the speaker, who afterwards came forward, and preached one of the greatest sermons it has been our privilege to listen to. Text St. Matthew 22:42, "What think ye of Christ, and whose son is he?" Subject: "The church's interpretation of Christ." Some of the sub-heads under which this text was discussed were: What think ye of Christ as a healer and physician? What think ye of Christ as a lover and friend? What think ye of Christ as a forgiver of sin? This was a wonderful sermon. Prayer by Rev J T Williams. Collection $26.71. Benediction by Rev J C Covington.

AFTERNOON SESSION

The Association was called to order by singing and prayer.

The finance committee made its report, which showed that $501.07 had been sent up by the churches; $232.91 had been collected in the house—making a total of $733.98. A voluntary collection was taken and $44.41, and was derived as follows:

Sister Sarah DeBerry, who recently lost her house and contents by fire	$28.21
Prof R F Lee, for Friendship College	8.10
Rev H Perry, for Gulledge School	8.10

Benediction by Rev.....

This closes one of the best session, in every way, in the history of our Association.

REV. J. E. P. LITTLE, Moderator

A. L. LEAK, Clerk.

APPENDIX

COMMITTEE'S REPORTS

On missions—We, your committee on missions, beg leave to make the following report: Seeing the great need of the command of our Saviour, which says "go ye therefore and make disciples," and to teach them to observe what he said. Seeing so many places destitute of the the Gospel, so many places being destroyed for lack of proper teaching. We recommend that each pastor with the assistance of his deacons raise special collections for missions every three months, and the amount be forwarded to the corresponding secretary, Bro G W Baucum. We also recommend that each pastor arrange with his people to have fixed days to explain the mis-

sionary necessities, and the importance of contributing to the same. Respectfully submitted. Committee

On Ministerial Education—First, each member of the Association pledge themselves to do all they can to further the cause of education. We recommend that this Association do what it can in a financial way to help prepare our young ministers. We highly endorse the effort being put forth by the educational authorities of North Carolina in preparing our youth—thereby lifting up a higher standard for our race. We see the great need of education in every walk of life. Without education, it is going to be impossible for us as a race to hold our foothold in this country. We appeal to all who are interested in the welfare of our young men and women to make personal donations to help educate them. We recommend further that each church have special rallies, and bring the money to the Association for education. Also that this Association help to support some Baptist institution of learning for the purpose of educating our young men and women.

Respectfully submitted, your committee

On the Condition of the Country—We feel that the Lord has favored us with many rich blessings since leaving the last annual session. He has blessed the farmers with great crops and very high prices. He has blessed the laborers with fair wages; and He has wonderfully blessed our churches with the outpouring of His Holy Spirit among us, which has caused the ingathering of many souls for Christ. There has been a great exodus of the negroes from the South to the North, for which we very much regret. We think that he should be less normal. We have not encouraged this moving around. We hope that conditions will soon be adjusted, so as to make him contented to stay here and help build up good homes in his own Southland.

Respectfully submitted, Your committee.

On Obituary—Whereas, it has pleased Almighty God to call from labor to reward so many of our loved ones, be resolved, that we humbly bow in submission to Him who doeth all things well. Resolved further, that we tender our sympathies to the bereaved ones. Peace to their ashes. Your committee

On the Needs of the Field—We don't think ourselves able to tell all of the present needs. However we have taken into consideration some of them. First, we want to say that the field needs consecrated men in its churches and pulpits. For without consecration, all is a failure. We also find that the field needs a broader co-operation, and that especially among the pastors and preachers. We recommend that the various churches of this field supply its pulpits with efficient preachers, whose life is wholesome. We further recommend that the churches of this field arrange to pay its pastors sufficient salary for their liberal support.

Respectfully your committee

On Moderator's Address—We regard the Moderator's address as a master-piece of literature, full of helpful thoughts, covering every face of our work. Therefore we recommend that the entire address be printed in the minutes. We further recommend that the recommendations in the address be carried out.

Respectfully your committee

On Time and Place—We, your committee on time and place, recommend that the next sitting of the Association be held with the St. Paul Baptist church, Charlottee, N. C., beginning on Wednesday before the third Sunday in October, 1924. Rev J T Williams to preach the opening sermon. Rev B F McManus, alternate.

Your committee

Letter from Bro H H Henry—Dear Brethren: This is let you hear from me. I am well and still fighting for the Lord. I would like to be with you, but I cannot. Hope you all will have the greatest meeting of all time. I am enclosing five dollars to be used as the Association sees best. May the spirit of the Lord be with you all.

I am yours in Christ, H H Henry

Ordaining Board's Report—Bro Moderator and brethren, we, the Ordaining Board, beg leave to submit the following report: We recognize the eldership in the ministry to be the highest work in the gift of God or man. And after the most careful preparation of moral and theological, should be entered into with fear and trembling. It is surprisingly how slightly some churches and even some ministers who claim the call, look upon the obligation of an elder. They are the question bureaus on the way to Zion, and should be peculiarly fitted to avoid mistakes. We believe it to be a serious mistake, and that same will work serious consequences in the social relation in the ministry to urge upon the Board for the ordination of a man unprepared. We submit this to your consideration, and assure you that we are willing to serve you faithfully so far as we can with a conscience void of offense toward God. During the year we have had cause to withdraw our usual fellowship as a Baptist minister from Rev R Allen on account of his change from the Christian Sabbath to the Jewish Sabbath. The following brethren have been sent up for examination during this year: Bros R C Cox, F C Chavis, S S Sturdivant, S D Wall and S S Bennett. All of which failed to make the required per cent. We recommended them to pursue their studies.

Respectfully the Board.

On Periodicals and Publications—Whereas, we as a denomination, should have a uniform course of instruction, which implies teaching missionary Baptist faith and usages. We should supply ourselves with periodi-

cals published by the leading publishers of missionary Baptist literature. Whereas, there is no greater means of instruction to us than to know what is being done by the Baptists throughout the State.

Be it resolved, that we supply ourselves with a paper that publishes the work that is done throughout the State, especially the Union Reformer.

Resolved further, that we make ourselves more familiar with the contents of periodicals and publications by diligent and prayerful study. We recommend further, that we read the People's Enterprize and the Orphan Home Herald. Respectfully your committee.

On New Bodies—We, your committee on new bodies, beg to report, that we have examined the orthodox and organization of a church out from Marshville, N. C., name Flint Ridge W. Also one out from Wadesboro, N. C., name Green Hill. We make the following recommendation : That they be received and become members of our Association. Provided, to the Green Hill church being so closely situated to already constituted churches that it be under the direction and supervision of Deep Creek. Revs W H Staton and R S Tanner are pastors respectively. Your committee

RECAPITULATION

Number of churches reported	40
' members	5,425
' baptized	318
' died	41
Am't continued for christian education & missions	741.34
No. of pastors in field	28

The Moderator requested that the churches begin preparing to meet the next Association.

The slogan is one thousand dollars at the next Association, divided as follows:

Missions	$150.00
Shaw University	150.00
Education, Girls and Boys of Zion	100.00
For weak churches	75.00
Orphan Home	50.00
For Aged Ministers	50.00
For General Expenses	425.00

REPORT OF TREASURER

Bro. Moderator and Members—I, B. B. Sturdivant, Treasurer, in account with Zion Missionary Baptist Association for the fiscal year ending Oct. 1, 1923.

Debits—Received at the Association—

By churches	$438.97
Public collection	125.67
From the W H M	20.00
From the Y M & W C A J M	5.00
From the Cor. Sec'y	10.88
Returned by J E P Little, del. to Winston	10.00
Oct. 28, '22. Rec'd from Union meeting	64.73
Dec. 20, ' ' at ' '	46.00
Oct. 28 ' ' from S S C Treasury	50.00

April 29, '23	'	W S Stamps	25.00
' 29	'	' at Union meeting	78.12
July 29	'	' at Union meeting	48.27

Total received - $ 920.64
Oct. 1, '22 To amount brought forw'd 570.00

Aggregate Resources $1,490.64

Credits—

Order	1	J E P Little, Moderator, service	$25.00
'	2	A L Leak, Sec'y	25.00
'	3	G W Baucum, Cor.Sec.; service & ex.	25.00
'	4	B B Sturdivant, Treas., service	10.00
'	5	C L Leak, accrued interest on deposits	1.70
'	6	T C Chambers, Chambers Grove Ch.	15.00
'	7	Rev R Diggs, donation	8.00
'	8	B J Parsons '	3.67
'	9	D A Tillman '	3.67
'	10	A C Chambers '	3.67
'	11	V B R Bowman '	3.67
'	12	F R Rickets, Sexton	3.00
'	13	G R West, Parsons Grove church	5.00
'	14	Rev B J Sturdivant, donation	3.67
'	15	G W Baucum, loaned Miss M E Davis	100.00
Oct. 28 '	16	B B Sturdivant, expense Board meeting	1.25
	17	A L Leak, expense Board meetings	3.25
	18	A C Chavis, ' ' '	1.00
	19	J T Ratliff, Sec. service ' '	3.65
	20	J W Diggs, ' '	1.00
	21	J E P Little ' '	50
	22	J C Ellerbee ' '	4.00
	23	J R Alsobrooks ' '	2.00
	24	B J Parsons, Mod. service & donation	8.14
	25	J F Davis, for Shaw University	50.00
	26	C C Horne, New Zion Church	5.00
Oct. Order	27	G W Baucum, Board meeting	1.50
'	28	J D Rivers, Mt. Moriah church	10.00
'	29	J F Davis, for delegates to state convention	25.00
'	30	Henry Smith, sexton	1.00
'	31	To finance committee at the Association	7.00

	'	32	Dr P F Maloy, donation	2.00
	'	33	Rev J T Ratliff, for official work	75
Nov. 6	'	34	A L Leak, for State and foreign missions	51.11
Dec. 11	'	35	A L Leak, for printing minutes	90.00
' 31	'	36	B J Parsons, Moderator U. M.	3.00
	'	37	A L Leak, Sec'y, U. M.	3.70
	'	38	Sister Lelia Staton, donation	1.00
	'	39	G W Baucum, donation for W C Baucum	30.00
	'	40	A L Leak, donation for Miss M E Davis	20.00
	'	41	A L Leak, for Orphan Home	23.86
	'	42	L V Medley, for Saron church	5.00
	'	43	J R Faison, traveling expense to U. M.	2.50
2-26	'	44	G W Baucum, loaned to Miss M E Davis	45.00
4-29	'	45	J C Ellerbee, Moderator U. M.	3.00
	'	46	J T Ratliff, Sec'y U. M.	3.00
	'	47	J F Davis, donation	2.50
	'	48	M J Jackson, New Grove church	5 00
	'	49	John Jackson, sexton	1.00
	'	50	A L Leak, expense of the Shaw Drive	3.50
	'	51	Dr C S Brown, donation to Shaw University	25.00
	'	52	T J Bivens, (Board Meeting)	2.00
	'	53	B J Parsons, Moderator U. M.	2.00
	'	54	J T Ratiff, Sec'y U. M.	2.50
	'	55	R B McCoy, (Sandy Ridge church	5.00
	'	56	G S McCoy, sexton	1.00
	'	57	G R Chambers, (Olive Branch church)	12.50
	'	58	To the delegates to Linwood Academy	36.09
	'	59	J E P Little, donation	1.18

Total	$764.53
	726.11
Aggregate	$1,490.64

B. B. Sturdivant, Treasurer.

Bro. Moderator—This is to certify that I, J C Cason, Auditor, have carefully audited the account of B B Sturdivant, Treasurer, and found the foregoing account accreate and true. This 19th day of October, A. D., 1923. J C Cason, Auditor of Zion Association.

Finance Committee's Report

CHURCHES	Rept. Fee	S. & F. Missions	Orphan Home	Min. Education	Aged Ministers	Church Extension	Shaw University	Total Sent
Bethel	70	1 00	30	1 00	1 00			4 00
Brown Creek	15 60		50		1 50			17 60
Cedar Creek	4 28	1 00	75	50	1 00			7 53
Chilson Grove	4 50			50	25			5 25
ChambersGrove	5 60	25	25					6 10
Cool Spring	1 70	50	50	50	50			3 70
Deep Creek	49 40							49 40
Ebenezer	2 10							2 10
Elizabeth M	9 79							9 79
Elizabeth P D	1 50	1 00	1 25	1 00	1 00			5 75
Flat Rock	Paid	50	50		1 00			2 00
Fletchers Grove	10 00	1 00	50	50	50			12 50
Flint Ridge	13 60	1 00	1 00	4 75	50			20 85
Friendship	10 95							10 95
Gallilee	1 90	1 50	50	50	50			4 90
Long Pine	4 40	1 00	6 79	1 00				13 19
Madison Grove	4 60	4 65	5 00	1 50	3 00	2 00	1 00	21 75
Meltonsville	60 95		50	50	50			62 40
McLain Grove	5 70	25	50	25	25			6 95
Mt. Zion	4 70	1 50	1 00	1 00	1 50		3 25	12 95
Mt. Moriah								
New Zion	9 10							9 10
New Grove	7 60	25	50	50	50			9 35
Nicy Grove	16 50	2 00	2 00		1 50		5 00	27 00
Olive Branch	Paid	50	25	25	25			1 25
Pleasant Hill	5 60							5 60
Poplar Hill	8 60	50	25	25	25			9 85
Parsons Grove	31 43	50	50	50	50			33 43
Poplar Spring	15 10		50		50			16 10
Ramah Grove	15 00	31						15 00
Rockford E	12 90	3 59		1 00	2 00			19 49
Rockfork W	10 20		1 00	1 00	1 00			13 20
Sandy Ridge	6 40	2 50		2 00	1 00			11 90
Saron	6 20	75		50	25			7 70
Shankle Grove	4 30			50	25			5 05
St. Paul	10 80	70			1 00			12 50
Timmonsville	6 40	75	25		25			7 65
White Oak	8 35	2 00		75	1 00			12 10
Green Hill	1 40	25	25		25			2 15
Flint Ridge	1 70							

Collected--Representing fee	397.45
' State and foreign missions	28.44
' Orphan Home	24.59
' Ministerial education	16.25
' Aged Ministers	23.00
' Church Extension	2.00
' Shaw University	9.25
' Public Collection	212.91
Received from Bro H H Henry	5.00
' ' Woman's Convention	15.00
' ' Miss M B Davis, on note	25.00
Total - -	$758.98

RULES OF DECORUM

1st. The Moderator shall fill the chair and preserve decorum in the Association. Of him punctuality and vigilance are particially required. He shall open and close the Association with prayer to God or call on some brother to perform the service. He shall appoint committees with the sanction of the Association, explain questions, administer reproof and decide questions between contending claims. He may require motions to be presented in writing whenever he deems necessary.

2nd. The Clerk shall enroll the names of the members, minute the proceedings of the body, and discharge such duties as belonging to a Recording Secretary.

3rd. The members of the Association to observe the respect to the officers and each other which becometh those who reverence the Great Being whose cause they should labor to promote. All invectives should be carefully avoided while speaking, and those who are speaking, should refrain from all such indecorious conduct that is calculated to threw odium on the speaker or to interrupt his chain of thought or feelings or in any way disturb the peace of the Association. No person may withdraw from the Association without permission from the Moderator. Let all things to be done decently and in order.

4th. No member of a committee shall be considered in order who while said committee's report is under discussion by the house, shall take the negative side of the report.

CONSTITUTION

Art. 1. This body shall be known as the Zion Missionary Baptist Association

Art. 2. The primary object of this Association shall be to increase the spirit and efficiency of the churches, to support the Gospel in destitute places among us, to assist the churches in the erection of suitable buildings for worship; to organize churches and Sunday Schools whenever practicable; to raise contributions for State, Home and Foreign Missions, and to co-operate with the Union Baptist State Convention of North Carolina in all of its plans of Educational and Missionary work.

Art. 3. This Association shall be composed of regular Baptist churches in good standing, and in full practice of the faith, discipline, ordinances, and of the doctrines of regular Baptist denominations. Also of the regular ministers in good standing in the churches in the bounds of the Association, and messengers elected annually by the churches of this body.

Art. 4. The officers of this Association shall be a Moderator, Vice-Moderator, Recording and Corresponding Secretary, Treasurer, an Auditor, an Executive Committee of seven, and an Ordaining Board. The Moderator, Recording Secretary and Treasurer shall constitute three members of the Executive Committee. These officers shall be elected annually and hold their offices until their successors are elected.

Art. 5. The Moderator shall preside at all meetings or call some brother to fill the chair, and enforce order in accordance with the Rules of Decorum and Constitution. He shall settle points of order, give the casting vote in case of a tie, and appoint all committees unless otherwise ordered by the body.

Art. 6. The Recording Secetary shall perform the usual duties belonging to such office. He shall sign all orders drawn on the Treasurer.

Art. 7. Corresponding Secretary shall take charge of all the correspondence between this Association and other bodies. All communications and appeals to the various churches of this field shall be sent to him. He shall be ex-officio Secretary to the Executive Committee.

Art. 8. The Treasurer of this Association shall be Treasurer of the Union Meeting. He shall hold all monies and valuable papers belonging to this association. He shall pay orders only when they are properly drawn and signed by the Moderator and Secretary. He shall give an annual report to this body, preceded by an examination and endorsement of the Auditor. He shall give bond to the full security of the Associational property in his hands.

Art. 9. The Executive Committee shall have full charge of the Association when it is not in session. They shall draw the plans of operation for the field approved by the Association. All claims on the Treasury of this body must be presented to the Executive Committee. They shall meet as often as called together by the Corresponding Secretary and Moderator, and shall make full report of their work to the Association

through the Cor. Secretary. Three members shall constitute a quorum

Art. 10. The Ordaining Board shall have supervision of the Ecclesiastical department of the Association. They shall examine all applicants for ordination, and pass on the credentials of all members of this body. All requests for ministerial aid from this Association must be recommended by the Ordaining Board.

Art. 11. Any regular Baptist Church may continue its membership in this Association by the payment of ten (10) cents per capita for each of its members. (Said 10 cents is also the representation fee into the various Union Meetings.) Two-fifths of which shall be used for general expenses, and three-fifths for ministerial education, and raising money for missions. Any church failing to come up to the financial requirements of the Association shall not be considered in good standing and not allowed to enroll 'till satisfaction is rendered to this body by such church.

Art. 12. New constituted churches, or churches dismissed from other deliberative bodies of the same faith and order, may be admitted into this Association by sending their messengers to an annual meeting with letters of petition, and agreeing to the declaration of principles laid down in God's word.

Art. 13. The members convened in this Association, shall have no ec clesiastical or disciplinary power over the churches.

Art. 14. The Association shall meet annually and be composed of not more than 3 messengers from each church with a letter giving the condition of the church. Said meeting to convene on Wednesday before the third Lord's day in October at 11 o'clock A. M., and with an introductory sermon, and continue in session until business is completed. The Union Meeting shall meet on Friday before each fifth Sunday or as often as may deem practicable, and should there fail to be a place for a Union Meeting at the session, the Executive Committee shall find a location and notify the field immediately through the Cor. Secretary.

Art. 15. No difficulty between churches or church shall be heard by this Association until Gospel steps have been fully taken outside of this body to settle the difficulty.

Art. 16. Any church a member of this body that is corrupt in practice or doctrine, after Gospel steps have been taken to reclaim it, and it persists in its course, shall no longer be a member of this body, and the reason in full shall be published in the minutes. Any church failing to represent by letter or messengers two successive years, shall be visited by suitable admonition, and if it neglects to represent the third year, it shall be dropped from this Association.

Art. 17. All visiting ministers shall be welcomed to seats among us, but not allowed to vote.

Art. 18. This Constitution may be amended at any annual meeting by a vote of two-thirds of the members present. Provided such amendments shall be submitted on the first day of the sitting of the Association, and adopted on a subsequent day.

IN MEMORY OF OUR DEAD

MINUTES

—of the—

Woman's Home & Foreign Missionary Convention

of Union and Anson Counties Auxiliary to The Zion Association

Held with Long Pine Bapt. Church, south of Wadesboro, N. C.

Sept. 1st & 2nd, 1923

OFFICERS FOR 1924

President—Mrs A C Robinson, 423 E. Ch. St., Monroe, N C
Vice-Pres.—Mrs S L Davis, " "
Recording Sec.—Mrs I. S. A. Hilliard, Box 293, Wadesboro "
Cor. Sec.—Mrs C C Horne, Route 1, Peachland, "
Treasurer—Mrs M F Little, Route 1 Wadesboro "

EXECUTIVE BOARD

Mrs C C Boulware, Chairman Monroe, N C
" Alice Jackson, Polkton "
" Eliza Robinson Pee Dee "
" Ellen Rickett Route A, Wadesboro "
" Annie Sturdivant Wadesboro "
" Mary Ingram Route 2, Peachland "
Kate Horne McFarlan "
Odessa Livingston Monroe "
Mary Crowder Wingate "
Nora Taylor Polkton "
Lizzie Boggan Polkton "

PROCEEDINGS

Wadesboro, N. C., Sept. 1st, 1923

The 13th annual meeting of the Women's Home and Foreign Missionary Convention and Auxiliary to the Zion Association was held in the Long Pine Baptist church, south of Wadesboro, N. C., Sept. 1-2, 1923.

11 a. m. The house was called to order by the Vice-President, Mrs S L Davis. After a few brief remarks we had a soul stirring praise service, conducted by delegates from Elizabeth Monroe, Parsons Grove and White Oak Grove. Sister Minnie Redfearn read for a lesson the 23rd division of the Psalms. At the close of this the Vice-President came forward and made some timely remarks. After which we listened to the Scripture reading, which was read and conducted by Mrs I SA Hilliard. Lesson read was Romans 8:1-28. Many rejoiced because they felt that they were not walking after the flesh but after the spirit. Then the President asked Bro W M Ingram of Meltonsville to lift the offering, which amounted to $3.51. Sister Chavis asked God's blessing on the offering. Then adjourned for dinner.

We re-assembled at 2:30. Praise service was conducted by delegates from Elizabeth, Monroe and Friendship, Monroe. Devotional services were as follows: Sister D V Blakeny lined hymn No. 273. Sister Lizzie Boggan carried us to a throne of grace. 2nd selection, hymn No. 375. Prayer by sister M F Little. After which the Vice-President came forward and spoke a few encouraging remarks and proceeded with the program.

1st. We listened to a short but cordial welcome address by Mrs Mary Jane Little. Responded to by Mrs Elizabeth Ellis of Monroe, N. C. Then the reading of the minutes of the last meeting which were adopted. Then the calling of the roll followed.

Report from the different officers, of which was much enjoyed, as there was a vision seen as never before.

The minutes of the Board meeting at Peachland July

the 6th, 1923, was read and approved. It was moved and seconded that Mrs C C Boulware appoint the various committees, which were as follows:

Committee on Officers:

Mesdames Lydia Caraway, Bessie Sturdivant
Minnie Redfearn Anna Morgan
Sarah McGregor

Committee on State Convention —Mesdames Laura Hamilton, D V Blakney, M F Little, G W Baucum, Elizabeth Ellis.

Committee on Time and Place—Mesdames D C Barrett, Lula Huntley, F C Chavis.

Committee on Obituary—Mesdames C C Horne, Eliza Robinson, Elizabeth Ratliff, L S Ledbetter, Aitha Pheps.
(See Reports)

Rev J C Covington lifted the offering, which amounted to $2.35. Sister Mary Ingram asked God's blessing on the offering. Benediction by the pastor

The night session opened at 7:30. Praise service was conducted by the delegates from Ebenezer, Wadesboro, Long Pine and Ramah Grove. After a heart-touching praise service, the Vice-President took up the program where we left off. Miss Narcissus Davis being absent, Mrs C C Boulware was asked to take her place to talk on the subject: The part women should take in spreading missions, which she did thoughtfully. The Sec. sung a verse of "'tis the promise of God," etc. Then the pastor, Rev J C Covington, accompanied by Revs Kersey and Huntley, took seats in the stand. Rev Kersey lined hymn No. 379. Rev Covington choose for a text Dan. 6:16. "Then the king commanded, and they brought Daniel and cast him in the den of lions. Now the king spoke and said unto Daniel thy God whom thou servest continously he will deliver thee." The speaker spoke with great force. Rev Huntley carried us to a

throne grace. Sisters G W Baucum and Lizzie Boggan lifted an offering which amounted to $5.08. Rev Arthur Kersey asked God's blessing on the offering. Benediction by the pastor.

SUNDAY MORNING, 10:30

The session opened with delegates from Meltonsville, Elizabeth Monroe, and Poplar Hill in the choir. Sister Boulware lined hymn No. 253. Sister Dora Smith led in prayer. In a few brief remarks by the Vice-President. She requested that we have a chain of prayers for our beloved president, Mrs. A C Robinson, who was at Homestead, Pa., attending the Lot Cary foreign mission convention. After which the Vice-President came forward and conducted the Bible lesson from Acts 22:3, 6-10. Many were the thoughts advanced on the lesson. Mrs Lula Huntley sang touchingly "I want to see Jesus, don't you ?" Then Mother Sunshine, Mrs C C Horne came forward with the following program :

We then listened to the reports from the committees.

On Officers—We, your committee on officers, beg leave to submit the following : That we keep the same officers that we had to serve us in 1924. Mesdames Bessie Sturdivant, Minnie Redfearn, R A Morgan, M P McGregor and Lydia Caraway, chairman.

We, your committee on State Convention, beg leave to make the following report : That owing to the condition of our finances, we recommend that we represent with $30, and by letter.

Respectfully submitted, Mesdames Laura Hamilton,
D V Blakeny, M F Little, G W Baucum,
Lizzie Ellis, Sec. Committee

Committee on Time and Place—We, your committee on Time and Place, beg leave to make the following report: That the next Union meeting be held with Friendship Baptist church, Monroe, N. C., on Saturday before the 2nd Sunday in Dec.

Mesdames L J Huntley, F C Chavis D C Barrett, Committee

Committee on Obituary--We, your committee, after hearing from over the field, find that the Lord has removed from our midst the following faithful ones: From Long Pine, sister Henrietta Gulledge; Pee Dee, Mrs Caroline DeBerry and Bridges Quick; Deep Creek, Mrs Matilda Smith; Elizabeth M., brother John Henry, sisters Mary Coble and A B Watts; Mt. Zion, Mrs Lency Crump; New Zion, Mrs Mary Hamilton; Friendship, Charity Lincoln; Nicy Grove, Bro Nelson Barrino; Meltonsville, Miss Nannie Rushing; Poplar Hill, Iradel Gathings.

Mesdames C C Horne, Eliza Robinson, Elizabeth Ratliff
L S Ledbetter and Aitha Pheps committee

At this period the doors were closed for the quiet moments. The spirit came in copious showers. As the doors were opened the pastor, Rev J C Covington, arose and lined hymn No. 531, "In all my Lord's appointed ways," etc. He read for a lesson a part of the 4th chap. of the 1st Epistle of John. Rev Arthur Kersey led in prayer. 2nd hymn No. 520 lined by Rev J R Alsobrooks. Rev Covington chose for a text John 4:18. "There is no fear in love, but porfect love casteth out fear, because fear hath torment. He that feareth is not made perfect in love." The sermon was full of power, and was forcefully delivered. We felt much encouraged to go about our master's work with fearless love. Prayer was offered by sister C. C. Boulware. Deacon Ledbetter lifted the offering, which amounted to $13.50. Then an after-collection which amounted to $7.00 was taken by the pastor and Mrs Boulware for Mrs Robinson, our President. Sister D V Blakeny asked God's blessing on the offering.

It was moved and seconded that we turn a standing

vote of thanks to Long Pine and community for their kind hospitality during our stay among them. Report of finance committee. A song was sung, and departing hands were taken. Dismission by pastor, to meet in a Union meeting with the Friendship Circle, Monroe, N. C. Dec. 8-9, 1924. Thus ended one of the best conventions in the history of the work.

Mrs. A. C. Robinson, Pres.
Mrs. I. S. A. Hilliard, Sec.

P. S. In view of the fact that we were asked by the brethren to condense our work. There are many things left out that we would have liked to have had printed.

TREASURER'S REPORT

Woman's Home and Fereign Mission Union of Union & Anson Co.
Wadesboro, N. C., Sept. 1, 1923

To the Woman's Auxiliary of the Zion Association:

I herewith beg to submit to you my financial statement, beginning Sept. 1, 1922 and ending Aug. 1, 1923:

Dec. 14, 1922.	Flat Rock U., amount received	$40.15
March 18. 1923	West Rockford	83.72
June 9,	Flint Ridge	62.42
Sept. 2,	Long Pine	98.72
Disbursements	Sent to Orphan Home	$30.00
	Foreign missions	30.00
	Woman's State convention	40.00
	Lot Cary convention	15.00
	Zion Association	15.00
	S S Convention	5.00
	Paid to ministers	50.84
	To sick	5.00
	For other purposes	86.92
	Total disbursements - -	$277.76

Balance in Treasury 3.90

Respectfully submitted, M F Little, Treasurer.

McLain Grove			
New Zion	‘ Anna Cash ---------- Peachland ‘	‘ Awilda Medley ---------- Peachland ‘	1 00
Nicy Grove	‘ Mary Crowder ---------- Wingate ‘	‘ Ellie May Blakeny ------ Wingate ‘	3 00
Elizabeth P D	‘ J W Diggs ---------- Route 1, Pee Dee ‘	‘ Emma Pratt, Route 1, Pee Dee ‘	1 40
Poplar Spring	‘ Nora Taylor ---------- Polkton ‘	Miss Narcissus Davis ----- Polkton ‘	2 00
Deep Creek	‘ Julia C Bennett ---------- Peachland ‘	‘ Mattie Huntley ---------- Peachland ‘	2 10
Parsons Grove	‘ Annie Curlee ------ Route A, Wadesboro ‘	‘ Ellen Rickets, Route A, ,Wadesboro ‘	4 25
Long Pine	‘ D C Barrett, Ruby, S C, Route 1, box 47	‘ Mary J Little, ‘ 2, Peachland ‘	2 00
Ebenezer W	‘ I S A Hilliard, No. 293, Wadesboro ‘	‘ G A Crowder, ---------- Wadesboro ‘	1 00
Rockford E	‘ Annie C Martin -------- Wadesboro ‘	‘ Lizzie Boswell -------- Wadesboro ‘	3 00
Gallilee	‘ Mattie Lotharp ---------- Wadesboro ‘	‘ Fannie Willoughby ---------- ‘	2 00
Chilson Grove	‘ Lula Bennett ---------- Lilesville ‘	‘ Sallie Diggs ---------- Lilesville ‘	1 00
Meltonsville	‘ Julia Bowman ----------		7 20
Fletchers Grove			
Ramah Grove	‘ Lenora Chavis ---------- Morven ‘	‘ Florence Marshall, ---- McFarlan ‘	2 00
White Oak	‘ Lula McRae ---------- Morven, ‘	‘ Tenny Owens ---------- Morven ‘	2 00
Pleasant Hill			
Sandy Ridge	‘ Henrietta Smith ---- Route 2, Morven	Josephine Bivens ------ ‘ ‘	
Madison Grove	‘ G W Baucum, Route A, Wadesboro	‘ Blanche L Smith, Route 2, ‘ ‘	2 50
Poplar Hill	‘ Dora Smith -------- Route 1, Polkton	‘ Lilly Gaddy, Route 1, ------ Polkton ‘	1 00
Flat Rock	‘ Ethel Lilly. ---- ---------- Wadesboro ‘	‘ Lula Hinson, ------ Wadesboro ‘	1 00
Rockford W	‘ Ida J Sullivan, Route A, box 193 Wadesboro ‘	‘ Alice Bradley, Route 1, Wadesboro ‘	2 00
Flint Ridge	‘ Aitha George, ------ Route 1, Marshville ‘	‘ Mossie Tanner, Route 1, Marshville ‘	
W.I.C.Circles			
Parsons Grove	Miss Etta Curlee, Route A, Wadesboro	Miss Veora McLendon ----------	1 00
Ebenezer, W			
Elizabeth, M			
Nicy Grove			
Poplar Springs			
Poplar Hill			25
New Grove			
Elizabeth P D			
Mt Zion			25
Rockford W			
Sunshine—			
Elizabeth M	Mrs E T Hasty ----------		
Parsons Grove			
New Zion			
Rockford E.	Miss Mary V Bennett ---------- Wadesboro, N C	Miss Fannie Caraway ----------	1 50
Friendship M			
Nicy Grove	Miss Joselin Marsh ---------- Wingate N C	Miss Janie Hamilton ---------- Wingate ‘	50
Poplar Springs			50
Meltonsville	Miss Irena Chambers, Mt. Crogan, S C		
Deep Creek		‘ Else Ingram ---------- Peachland ‘	1 00
Ebenezer W	Miss Elma Ingram ---------- Wadesboro ‘		
Elizabeth P D		‘ Harriet Little ---------- Wadesboro ‘	50
Chilson Grove			
Rockford W	Miss Essie Teal ----------		25
Whiteoak Grove			